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Examiner: Tsai, C.

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR COLLECTING AND  
DISSEMINATING HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION AND FOR  
COORDINATING REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**July 16, 2003**

Sir:

1. I, Jocelyn M. Seng, residing at 394 Fern Hill Drive, Granville, Ohio 43023, declare as follows:

2. I am a citizen of the United States of America.

3. I am the inventor of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the U.S. Patent Application identified above and I am informed of the prosecution history of this application.

4. I understand that the Examiner has made a 35 USC 102 rejection of claims based in part upon the Sharood et al patent (U.S. Patent No. 6,453,687), claiming priority to provisional applications, the earliest of which is 60/174,829, filed January 7, 2000.

5. The invention claimed in the present application was conceived prior to January 7, 2000, and Applicant was diligent in filing the instant application at least between January 6, 2000 and June 30, 2000.

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6. Applicant attaches herewith a portion of a presentation made within Owens Corning during 1999, describing an embodiment of at least the invention claimed in claim 1.

I hereby declare that statements made herein of my own knowledge are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003.

  
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Jocelyn M. Seng

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